



**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

**TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** City of Laurel Planning Commission  
**FROM:** Robert Love, Director  
**CASE:** Text Amendment No. 263 (Ordinance No. 2012)

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Approval of Text Amendment No. 263 (Ordinance No. 2012) to amend Chapter 20 “Land Development and Subdivision” to update the definitions, update the commercial use table, and the special exception use in certain zones to include personal non-medical cannabis.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The proposed text amendment No. 263 (Ordinance No. 2012) would modify various sections of the Unified Land Development Code. The Code provides the City’s zoning requirements, subdivision regulations, forest conservation codes, and all other development-related regulations.

**ANAYLSIS:**

The proposed changes for text amendment No. 263 (Ordinance No. 2012) includes modifications to the following sections:

- Section 20-1.7. “Definitions”
- Section 20-7.8. “Table of commercial uses”
- Section 20-22.72. – “Licensed premises of licensed dispensaries for medical and/or personal non-medical cannabis.”

The proposed changes would add and update several definitions, update the commercial use table, and update the special exception section. These changes come with the Maryland General Assembly passing House Bill 556 and Senate Bill 516 for the legalization of recreational cannabis. Overall, there were three (3) sections amended in this update.

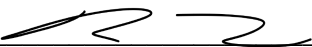
**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Planning Commission **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of Text Amendment No. 263 (Ordinance No. 2012) to the Mayor and City Council.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. City of Laurel Ordinance No. 2012

**SUBMITTED:**

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Robert Love, Director